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The Honorable William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence  
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Dear Bill:

We are sympathetic to the concerns you expressed late last year in your letter to Chairman Hamilton of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence regarding requests for CIA information from various other House committees. While we cannot speak directly to the situation in the House of Representatives, our impression is that the issue has arisen with less frequency and intensity in the Senate.

It is important to note that Senate Resolution 400 of the 94th Congress, which established the Select Committee and sets forth its jurisdiction, speaks directly to the issue of other committees' prerogatives. Thus, section 3(c) states that:

Nothing in this resolution shall be construed as prohibiting or otherwise restricting the authority of any other committee to study and review any intelligence activity to the extent that such activity directly affects a matter otherwise within the jurisdiction of such committee. (emphasis added)

And section 3(d) declares that:

Nothing in this resolution shall be construed as amending, limiting, or otherwise changing the authority of any standing committee of the Senate to obtain full and prompt access to the product of the intelligence activities of any department or

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The Honorable William J. Casey  
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agency of the Government relevant to a  
matter otherwise within the jurisdiction  
of such committee. (emphasis added)

These provisions must, of course, be read in conjunction  
with the later enacted statutory provisions on Congressional  
oversight in title V of the National Security Act.

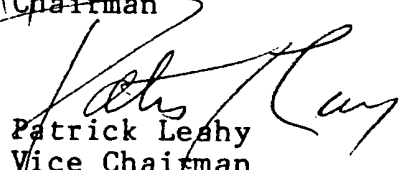
It seems to us, therefore, that while it probably  
would not be possible for the Select Committee to assert  
jurisdiction over intelligence matters with absolute  
exclusivity, a strong case can be made for confining  
sensitive operational details and sources and methods  
information to the SSCI. Judgments about the appropriate-  
ness of imparting intelligence information to other  
committees of the Congress must, of course, depend on  
the facts and circumstances of particular cases. As in  
the past, the Select Committee stands ready to extend  
its good offices and provide its physical facilities so  
that information may be provided to other committees or  
Members under SSCI auspices with the protections afforded  
by section 8 of Senate Resolution 400. We also stand  
ready to consult with you if problems similar to those  
you described in your letter to HPSCI Chairman Hamilton  
should arise in the Senate.

In the final analysis, Bill, we believe that the  
surest way of avoiding the kinds of problems you have  
described lies in maintaining amongst the Members of the  
Senate the conviction that the Select Committee on  
Intelligence is engaged in secure and effective oversight  
of our nation's intelligence activities. A cooperative  
and productive relationship between the Intelligence  
Community and the Intelligence Committee must, therefore,  
remain our constant mutual goal.

Sincerely,



Dave Durenberger  
Chairman



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